Hatton W. Sumners represented Texas in the United States Congress from 1913 until his voluntary retirement in 1947. Congressman Sumners was recognized as one of the preeminent constitutional scholars on Capitol Hill and served as chairman of the powerful House Committee on the Judiciary from 1931 until returning to Texas. Established by him in 1949, the Hatton W. Sumners Foundation is dedicated to the study and teachings of the science of self-government, to the development of leaders with a sense of community responsibility, and to the maintenance of the American constitutional principles and the quality of life afforded under those principles.

To foster the development of citizen scholars and citizen leaders, the Hatton W. Sumners Foundation and Schreiner University offer the Hatton W. Sumners Foundation Scholarship. Sophomores in Schreiner’s undergraduate program or sophomores transferring to Schreiner may apply to become Sumners Scholars in the spring of their sophomore year. All majors are accepted. Preference is given to students who are majoring in political science, pre-law, history, business, economics, English or those who plan to teach. Students from other program areas who have high academic achievement, are involved in activities, and exhibit leadership and a strong sense of community responsibility will also be considered.

HATTON W. SUMNERS Scholarship at Schreiner University
ELIGIBILITY
The Hatton W. Sumners Scholarships are awarded annually on a competitive basis. Selection is based upon:
1. Previously established academic record, as supported by transcripts.
2. The completed application.
3. An interview with the Sumners Foundation Trustees.

To be eligible, the applicant must:
1. Be a citizen of the United States.
2. Have completed 60 academic hours by the beginning of the fall term in which the scholarship begins.
3. Have a cumulative 3.0 grade point average.
4. Be in good standing with the university.
5. Have a record of participation in campus or civic activities that benefit the university or the community at large.

The scholarship for juniors will be automatically renewed their senior year provided:
1. The scholar remains in good standing with the university.
2. The scholar maintains a 3.0 grade point average or better.
3. The scholar carries and completes at least 12 hours each semester.
4. The scholar participates in a reasonable number of campus or civic activities for the benefit of Schreiner University, the community, or the scholarship program.

HOW TO APPLY
1. Complete the application form.
2. Attach a personal resume outlining honors, awards, activities, leadership positions, extracurricular activities and work experiences during high school and college.
3. Attach at least three letters of recommendation, at least one of which must be from a professor or instructor familiar with your academic achievements.
4. Attach one color photograph suitable for digital scanning.
5. Submit an autobiographical essay of no more than 750 words discussing your background, extraordinary experiences you have had, leadership roles performed in high school and college, the reasons for selecting your particular field of study, and your ambitions for the future.

The completed application, supporting documents and an official university transcript are to be returned to the Director of Foundation Relations at Schreiner University.

Finalists will be selected on the strength of their application. A personal interview with the Trustees of the Sumners Foundation will be scheduled for each finalist.

If chosen to receive a Hatton W. Sumner Scholarship, the student will receive $7,000 toward tuition expenses for one year. The award will be renewed for a second year if qualifying criteria are maintained.

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